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LONDON PLS PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE ZIRINIS OF ESSO MIDDLE EAST

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SUBJ: VISIT OF EXXON OFFICIALS TO ABU DHABI

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1. EMB WELCOMES VISIT OF PRES GARVIN AND VPS PIERCEY AND COX. REGRET DELAY IN REPLYING REFTELS, BUT SHAIKH ZAYID AND HIS KEY ADVISORS HAVE BEEN TOURING UAE AND MINPET OTAIBA

HAS BEEN OUT OF COUNTRY, SO IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS OFFICIAL CALLS.

2. HAVE BEEN COORDINATING VISIT DETAILS WITH ACTING GM OF ABU DHABI PETROLEUM CO. (ADPC), VENN WHO HAS CONFIRMED SUITES FOR PARTY AT HILTON MAY 6 AND REGULAR ROOMS FOR AIR-CREW. VENN HAS ALSO ARRANGED FLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR EXXON PLANE, HOWEVER, PILOT WILL HAVE TO PYOVIDE TOWER HERE WITH FLIGHT DETAILS FROM DHAHRAN.

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3. ON APRIL 24 CHARGE INFORMED MINPET OTAIBA OF EXXON PARTY'S VISIT AND THEIR INTEREST IN MEETING SHAIKH ZAYID ACCOMPANIED BY OTAIBA. LATTER DELIGHTED TO LEARN OF VISIT AND ASSURED ME HE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRANGE A CALL ON ZAYID AND WOULD CERTAINLY ACCOMPANY IF HE IS IN THE COUNTRY, WHICH HE UNCERTAIN ABOUT AT PRESENT. THERE IS HOWEVER, LOGISTICAL PROBLEM ABOUT

CALLING ON ZAYID, SINCE WE EXPECT THAT HE WILL BE OUTSIDE OF ABU DHABI

CONTINUING TOUR OF HINTERLAND. OTAIBA SAID IF NECESSARY, HE WOULD ARRANGE FOR PARTY TO BE FLOWN BY SMALL PLANE OR HELICOPTER TO MEET PRESIDENT. ADPC IS PLANNING FOR GROUP TO TOUR COMPANY FIELD FACILITIES, ON 7TH SO BEST TIME FOR CALL ON ZAYID WOULD BE EVENING OF 6TH. PLAN TO DISCUSS VISIT ARRANGEMENTS AGAIN WITH OTAIBA AND VENN ON APRIL 27 AND WILL KEEP PARTY INFORMED. OTAIBA RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO SUGGESTION THAT CHARGE ACCOMPANY GARVIN AND HIS COLLEAGUES WHEN THEY MEET ZAYID.

4. ADPC IS PLANNING SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR WIVES OF GARVIN AND PEIRCEY WHICH WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE TOUR OF ABU DHABI TOWN AND VISIT TO AL-AIN. IF FEASIBLE, WE MAY TRY TO ARRANGE CALL BY LADIES ACCOMPANIED BY MRS GRIFFIN ON SHAIKHA FATIMA, FAVORITY WIFE OF SHAIKH ZAYID. OTAIBA ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF CALL BY LADIES ON HIS WIFE AND/OR SOCIAL EVENT IN THEIR HONOR.

5. IF SCHEDULE DEVELOPS AS WE HOPE, ENTIRE GROUP WOULD REASSEMBLE AT HILTON ABOUT 1700 MAY 7 FOR FRESHENING UP, ETC AND THEN DEPART FOR AIRPORT BETWEEN 1745-1800 TO KEEP TO 1830 DEPARTURE FOR TEHRAN.
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